

A KING'S HEIR.

AND A QUEEN WHO WAS DISMISSED.

CURIOUS DECREE RECALLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bangkok, Nov. 25.

The birth of a daughter to Queen Suvadana recalls a decree issued by King Rama last month upgrading Queen Lakshi, who was incapable of satisfactorily carrying out her duties towards the King and country, and raising Suvadana to the rank of Royal Consort in order to "support the rank of the child she will bear the King." King Rama, who was educated at Oxford, foreswore



The King of Siam.

polygamy and abolished the harem maintained by his father.

ANOTHER TITLE.

The Siam Government Gazette recently published a Royal Decree which in effect reduced the rank of the Queen. The Decree stated that:

When his Majesty promoted the lady to be her Majesty the Queen he had confidence that she would carry out her duties towards his Majesty and the country in a satisfactory manner. This having proved not to be the case, and because she has been found incapable of carrying out her high duties, she is unfitted to hold her high position any longer, and his Majesty has commanded that in future she be known by another title.

King Rama VI. of Siam is an enlightened Eastern potentate. He was educated at Oxford and Sandhurst, and belongs to several West End clubs.

He has forsworn polygamy and abolished the harem which was maintained by his father. He was married in August 1922, but there are no children, and the Heir to the Throne is his half-brother.

In 1921 the King of Siam was betrothed to Princess Vallatha, but in the spring of that year he annulled the betrothal on account of "incompatibility of temperament" and later was engaged to her half-sister, Princess Lakshi, who was his cousin.

After their marriage he "proclaimed" the bride as his Royal Consort.

It was stated at the time that the method of marriage by proclamation was in accordance with an old custom of the Siamese Royal House.

THE KING ILL.

Bangkok, Nov. 18.

A bulletin issued to-day states that the condition of the King has very much improved. His temperature is between 101 and 102; the pulse 100 to 108. The temperature remains high owing to a local condition which, in itself, is not considered dangerous.

Later.

The condition of the King still gives occasion for great anxiety, though the latest bulletin states that a slight improvement is noted.

His Majesty is suffering from abdominal hernia, an old trouble which, on this occasion, has been very tense and painful.

The greatest danger was on Saturday, when his condition was very critical and it was not thought that he would survive the week-end.

On Sunday a slight improvement set in and has been maintained since, though the patient is weak.

The doctors are guarding against any relapse as it is feared that his condition is such that the patient has not the strength to fight it.

Members of the Royal Family are in attendance at the Palace anxiously awaiting events.

IRISH CRISIS.

London, November 26.

President Cosgrave has left Dublin for London in connection with the boundary crisis.

TRACES OF PAINT?

CLUE TO THE LOST M.I.'S FATE.

DAMAGE TO "VIDAR."

(Reuter's Service.)

Stockholm, Nov. 25.

Examination of the "Vidar" has not proved whether the damage was due to collision with the lost submarine M.I., but an attempt will be made to collect enough of the supposed paint found in a few places on the hull for a sample to be forwarded to England for scrutiny.

London, Nov. 25.

In the House of Commons a series of questions in regard to the M.I. elicited the information that from 1902-03 to March 31 last 4,680,000 has been spent in building submarines, 25,700,000 in repairs and 21,308,000 annually in maintenance, also that surface vessels participating in exercises with the M.I. flew a red flag to show that a submarine has been submerged.

DISARMAMENT.

London, Nov. 25.

In the House of Lords, referring to disarmament as an essential part of the pacification of the world, Lord Robert Cecil stated, the Committee of the League Council would recommend to the Council the constitution of a body to investigate the principles on which disarmament should proceed, and the nature of the programme to be submitted to that body. He added that the Committee would meet on November 3. He would attend on behalf of the Government which is taking the matter most seriously.

"LITTLE WEAKER."

LATEST RUBBER MARKET POSITION.

RECOVERY EXPECTED.

Messrs. Carrol Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore this morning notifying that rubber is now \$1.80 per pound and giving the following prices. The following Dividends have also been declared:—United Malaccas—8 per cent. Int., Bukit Katils—6 per cent. Int., Scudais—5 per cent. Int.

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THE UNDERSTONE STILL STRONG.

London, Nov. 25.

On the Stock Exchange rubbers opened with a burst of activity, but subsequently profit taking developed and values eased in places, but the understone of the market is still very firm.

MARTIAL LAW.

ELOW AT BRIGANDS IN SYRIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Martial law has been proclaimed in the town of Damascus, Syria, and in the town of Hama, Syria, owing to the continuing brigandage. It is officially explained that martial law in the case of Damascus is due to the aggression of the brigands but is proclaimed with a view to the rapid restoration of order.

FRANCE'S PREMIER.

HERRIOT TO FORM CABINET.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, November 25.

M. Doumer has declined to form a Cabinet.

Paris, November 25.

M. Herriot has agreed to form a Cabinet.

(Morning Cable.)

Paris, November 25.

Besides the Socialist section the Radicals are opposing M. Doumer whose prospects of cabinet-making



Edouard Herriot.

are less rosy to-day. It is impossible to say how the battle will be fought. The alternatives include firstly a Government of the Left Bloc including the Socialists; secondly a Socialist Government with participation by other groups of the Left Bloc; thirdly a coalition of the Left with the Centre, but excluding the Socialists and fourthly a dissolution and fresh elections. In the meanwhile time presses.

CAPITAL LEVY OPPOSED.

Paris, November 25.

As in the case of M. Briand, the chief obstacle in M. Doumer's success in Cabinet making is the attitude of the Socialists which is still unsettled. M. Doumer last night outlined to M. Herriot his financial reform programme which rejects the Socialist proposals of capital levy and taxation on national bonds.

Paris, November 25.

The franc in London this morning fell over 129.

HERRIOT'S CAREER.

"M. Herriot is the most successful Frenchman: It is hard to say whether it is in physical appearance or in philosophic outlook that he is the more un-French," said the Paris correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." "The massive head and broad shoulders, small nose, rough-trimmed monocle, loose-cased clothes, and heavily soled boots, and his general disregard for the elegancies of attire would mark him out, say, on the promenade deck of a transatlantic liner as a successful business man from the North of England or the Middle West. His mental make-up is a typically modern compound. His culture is exquisitely French, for his high scholarship is acknowledged." His ideals and sympathies are characteristically Anglo-Saxon.

"Youth is one of M. Herriot's assets, for he is only 62. His origins were modest, indeed poor. Recently, on the death of Maurice Barres, he expressed public gratitude for the help that he had received from the great Academician and reactionary in his early boyhood, when his mother had been Barres' domestic servant. He did brilliantly at the Ecole Normale, that wonderful breeding place of professors with no equal in the world, became head of the Faculty of Literature at Lyons University, and produced the classic study of Mme. Recanati."

Paris, November 25.—"Le Journal" states that M. Chichein has asked for a passport for Paris where he is due shortly. It assumes that the aim of his visit to M. Briand consists in the intention to include Russia in the policy of European reconciliation and takes for granted that M. Briand will point out to M. Chichein that France is still against

ARMISTICE DAY.

UNIQUE GATHERING UP COUNTRY.

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Nov. 13.

Armistice Day was celebrated in the capital in a fashion which has not been attempted for some years previous, and as there is a tendency in some parts to let this celebration slide, this occasion will help to keep green the memory of those who gave their all for the great cause.

A religious service was held at 10.30 a.m. at the "Alliance Francaise," in which all the denominations took part and was well attended, the two minutes silence being observed at 11 a.m.

At 9.30 p.m. in the same hall a Soiree Dances was given, which was attended by all the nationalities represented in the city, and was attended by about seventy people.

The hall had been tastefully decorated, and presented a very pleasing spectacle, whilst music and dancing helped to make the occasion one to be well remembered by all present.

Unfortunately the French Consul was not able to be present, being confined to his bed with an attack of measles; and the sympathy of all present went out to him, as it was hoped that he would be present at this, the first occasion when he would have been able to meet the whole foreign community, and he himself had been confined to his bed for some days. A letter of regret from the Consul was read during the proceedings, and was suitably responded to.

4 HOURS' SILENCE.

BISHOP'S ORDERS TO HIS CLERGY.

The Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. C. Bowman Burdley) conducted at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, parish church a special service for the clergy of the diocese. Lasting for nearly three hours, the service was mainly of a devotional character, and strict instructions were given that those attending it should not engage in conversation as they assembled in the morning or when the silence was concluded.

Silence was also enjoined at the luncheon which followed, and no clergyman spoke to his neighbour during the meal. The instructions formed part of the idea of a day of serious meditation and quiet.

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The Rev. the Hon. E. Lytelton—a former headmaster of Eton and now Dean of Whitelands College, Chelsea—at the Barnett School in Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.W., said he had noticed some remarkable differences in girl scholars as compared with boys.

On the whole the young women wrote three times as much as the boys. They could not give a short answer to a question, and he had never when reading through young women's examination papers, found anything exquisitely funny as he did when reading through an average batch of boys' papers.

Alluding to the value of reading music at night, he said:— "Think what a different thing our life would be if there were at hotels, as we travelled about the country, people who would willingly unite in singing choruses and part-songs, instead of, as at present, talking the most intolerable booth by the hour.

At seven a boy was keen to acquire knowledge, but it was quite incredible how few boys of seventeen or eighteen who left our schools had a real thirst for knowledge for its own sake.

"It is not nice to learn that the schools only produce swimmers," said Mr. Lytelton, of Tottenham, at a Middlesex Education Committee meeting recently. "A teaching of etiquette would appear to be a waste of time. In conversation with a head teacher on the matter he was told that a fight against swank in the secondary schools was a vain one.

A man who gave his age as 98 called at a London hospital and said it was his "golden anniversary." Fifty years ago he was successfully operated upon in the hospital, and he remembered the number of his bed and the name of the ward. After visiting the various departments he handed the secretary a soapbox which contained 50 sovereigns as a thankoffering.

A Norwich firm's stamp census indicates that this year 2,167 new stamps have appeared, bringing the grand total up to 43,279, and there is not a philatelist in the world with a complete collection. During the 85 years during which stamps have been sold Europe has needed 12,895, Asia 7,940, Africa 9,924, America 7,320, the West Indies 2,845 and Oceania 2,355. Great Britain started the flood by issuing the "penny black" and the blue 2d. "Without lines" and from these islands the habit has spread all over the world.

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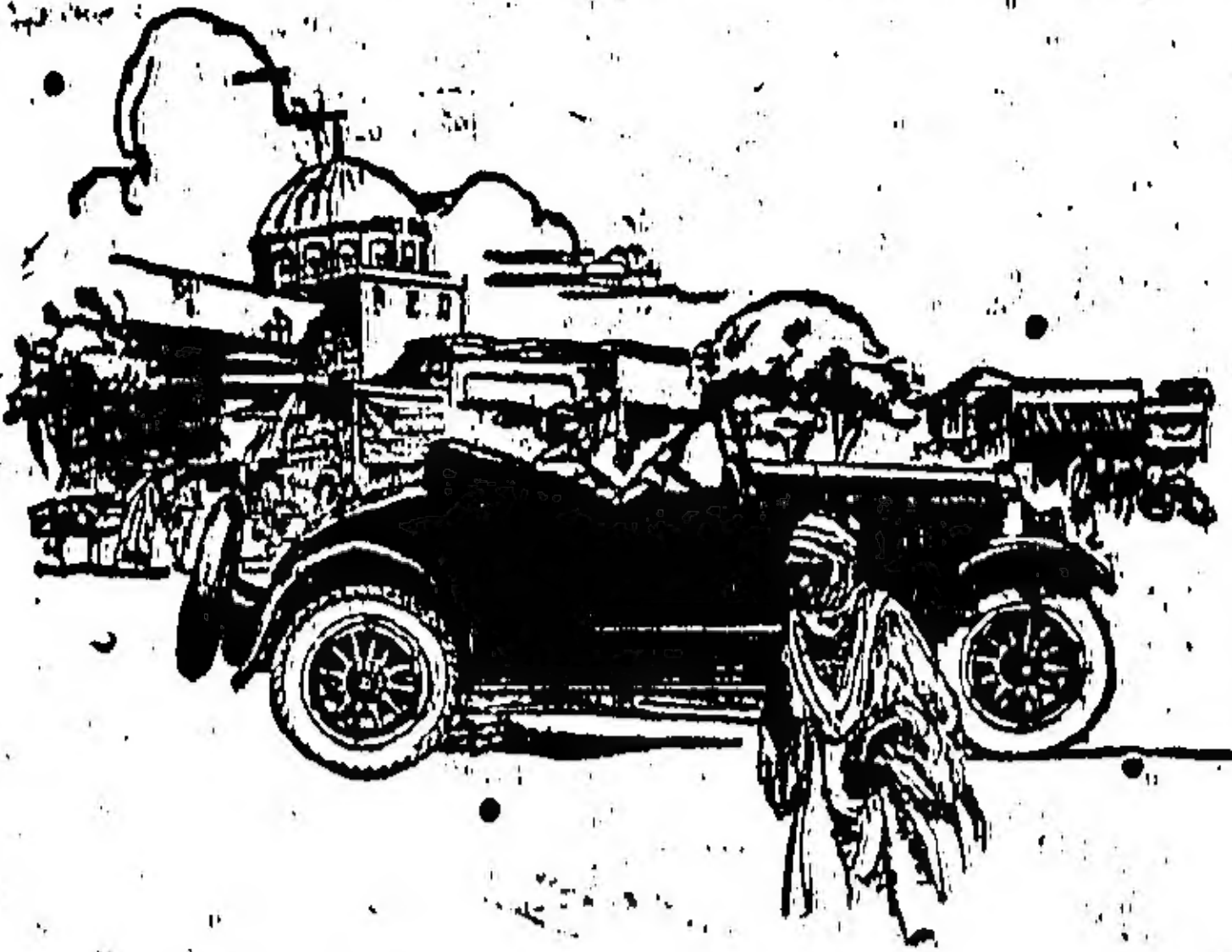
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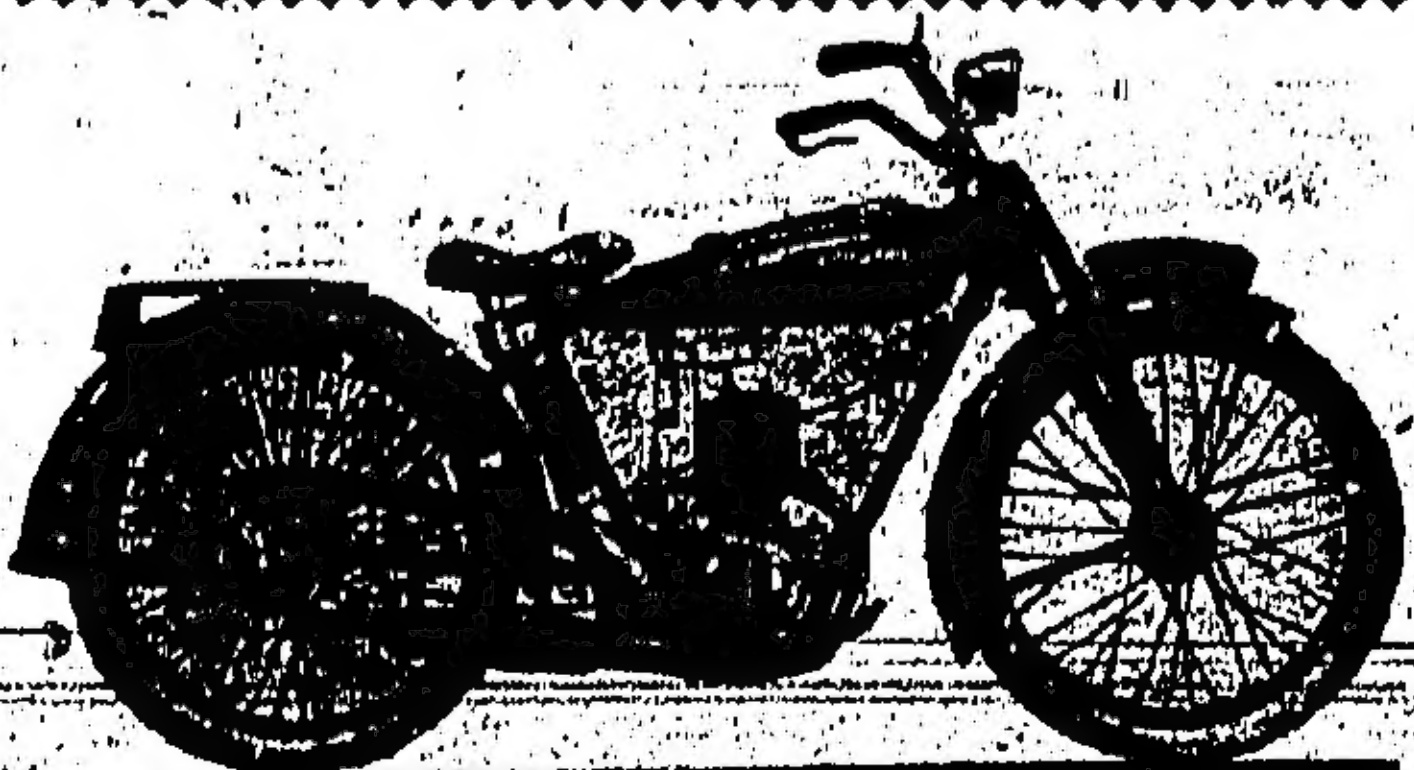
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The Straits Settlements Currency Commissioners are to issue this week a \$10 note of an entirely new design and about three-quarters the size of the existing \$10 note.

The Banks and Insurance Offices announced that they will be closed for the transaction of public business to-morrow, the occasion being the funeral of H.M. Queen Alexandra.

The Coroner's inquiry into the death of a Chinese hawk who was found with his throat cut in a house in West Point concluded at the Central Magistrate yesterday when a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

The Commander of the P. & O. "Morea" reported to the Chinese Maritime Customs at Shanghai that on the 15th inst. an object was sighted resembling a dead whale 50 feet long in Latitude 30.25deg. N. and Longitude 122.34deg. E.

An open competition in the speaking of Shakespeare's verse will be held this month by the London Shakespeare League. School and college students will read aloud short passages from "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," "Macbeth," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The idea is to revive an interest in the Shakespearean dramatic style, by getting it effectively declaimed.

A perusal of the booking list of "A Little Bit of Fluff" divulges the extraordinary fact that when the Hongkong public makes up its collective mind to go to a show it starts to book at the end, and work backwards. Probably by now the last night is all booked up, but as one works backwards one finds that on the first night there are not far short of half the seats still to be obtained! That is truly strange, for at Home, the First Night is an occasion.

As a "Thank-offering towards reduction of the National Debt," the Chancellor of the Exchequer has received £1,000 anonymously.

Preparations are being made for the celebration in 1927 of the centenary of University College, London. It is a curious fact that the movement for the foundation of University College was initiated by James Campbell, the poet.

Spurgeon was once asked if the man who learned to play a cornet on the Sabbath would go to heaven. The great preacher's reply was characteristic. Said he: "I don't see why he should not, but"—after a pause—"I doubt whether the man next door will."

The custom of letting land by candle auction survives at the little village of Warton, Warwickshire. The grazing rights along the roadside were disposed of by this method. Under the direction of the Atherstone District Council, a piece of candle a quarter of an inch long was lighted for each lot. As the candle melted bidding was made, and the bid made at the last splutter got the land.

It appears that there is such a thing as the American Language, as distinct from the English language. At all events, Professor W. A. Craigie, who edited the last volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary, has been the Chair of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford and migrated to that of English Language at Chicago, where part of his task will be to supervise the production of a "Dictionary of the American Language." The new dictionary is likely to follow the plan of the Oxford work, tracing the use of words and phrases from the earliest known used in American writing to the present day. In the work, which it to start this winter, Professor Craigie will have the assistance of a large number of American scholars and students, but it is understood that his new task is one which he has long desired to undertake.

There were no cases of notifiable diseases to be reported for the 24 hours ended Tuesday.

Even a dog Nicoughs when in contact with the stuff that cheers, prohibition agents learned in a raid on a house. They found a dog on guard at a trap door. It bled. The trap door led to the basement, where a still was found.

"What is your opinion on dancing?" That query was recently inserted in a Paris newspaper whose circulation was dwindling in an alarming manner. The paper is once more well established. No fewer than 23,576 replies reached the editorial offices within two weeks. More than 11,000 subscriptions accompanied the answers.

Mr. Justice McCardie's remark in the Court that a dress which was returned as being too tight to sit down in must have been very fashionable would have appealed to the backs of a century ago. There were many stories about the degree of tightness which they demanded for their pantaloons. One is said to have told his tailor that he would not pay for them if he could sit down in them, and another returned a pair on the ground that he could get into them quite easily.

With one loud and long squeak, the cricket season in Shanghai among the Chinese which brought to life hundreds of thousands of these creatures which are esteemed in the country almost like canaries has ended and foreign ears and tempers which are generally sorely tried by the noise of these insects are safe for the winter. The Chinese catch crickets, and put them in cages, believing their singing to be quite as sweet as most birds. They hang them in the sun to warble at their best, take them out for an airing to compare them with other people's crickets and many an office boy disturbs his employer's peace by bringing his pet to the office.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the position of Patron of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Singapore papers announce with regret the death of Dr. D. R. Hennessy, Medical Officer of the General Hospital at Singapore. A capable and popular officer.

Owing to the delayed sailing of the vessel by which Miss Pih Wen-ha was to leave the Colony, the season at the Theatre Royal was extended and this talented actress again delighted a large audience last night with items from her extensive repertoire, which displayed to the full her undoubted historic talent. There will be no performance this evening.

Mr. D. E. O. de Silva of the Sun Life Assurance Society of Canada has been made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. This honour is doubtless due in some measure to the good work done by Mr. de Silva as Government Surveyor in Ceylon and Fiji for 17 years and also may perhaps be regarded as a recognition of his magazine articles "Travels in Many Lands."

H.M. the King addressed the following message to the Nation on the arrival Home of the Prince of Wales:—

The warm-hearted affection of the welcome given to our dear son in London to-day has greatly added to the joy and thankfulness which the Queen and I feel in his safe, home-coming.

His return marks the completion of those missions to the different Dominions of the Empire undertaken six years ago, and including visits to the United States and South America.

I know that the millions who have been associated with him in these many countries will join with us in thanking God for the protection granted to him and his companions in their eventful and world-wide travels.

The Prince also issued the following message:—

The Prince of Wales wishes to thank the thousands of people who, despite the rain, gave him such a kind welcome, which he deeply appreciates, on his return to England to-day.

Mischa Wigdorovich who gave a piano recital on Monday, is to proceed to Brazil where his musical education will be continued.

By cable from his Home Government, the leave of Senior E. Rouillon, Peruvian Consul for Hongkong, has been postponed until February next.

Owing to the death of Queen Alexandra, the Police Ball, which was arranged to take place on December 23, has been postponed until the latter part of January.

Selling newspapers in streets of Lincoln, Mark Elsom found a half-crown among his pennies. He promptly lodged 2s. 6d. with the police until it was claimed.

When the members of the "Empress of Scotland's" cruise party next winter, who make the overland tour through China, Manchuria, Korea and Japan, are at Peking, they will have an opportunity of visiting the Great Wall.

One of the finest tributes by a man to his mother was Barrie's "Margaret Ogilvy." Now, Mr. E. F. Benson has also written a book about his mother. It is based on two intimate diaries kept by the wife of Archbishop Benson throughout many years.

Nine-year-old Gustaf Epp recently arrived at Swift Current after coming all the way from Hamburg, Germany, by Canadian Pacific steamships, and rail, unaccompanied and unable to speak a word of any language but German. Her parents were supposed to be living in the neighbourhood of Swift Current but their exact location was unknown. In the meantime the child was taken care of until an interpreter could be secured through whom it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. Epp lived about two miles from the town but had not been advised of Gustaf's coming and were, therefore, not on hand to meet her. They were both surprised and overjoyed to receive their little daughter whom they had not heard of in Hamburg two years ago for medical treatment to her eyes.

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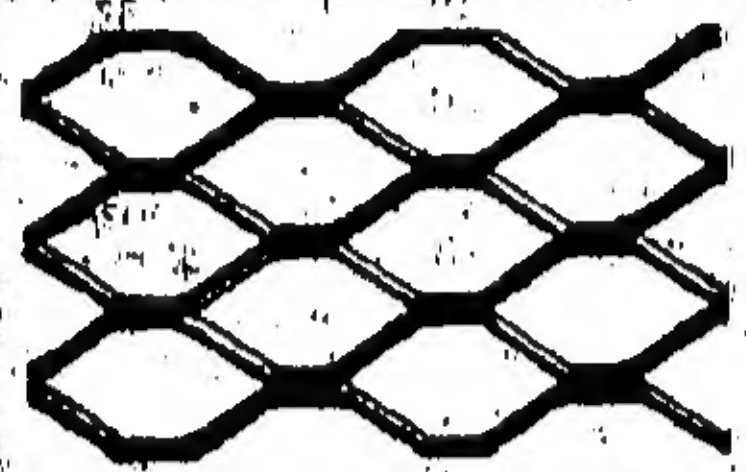
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People and Events in the News of the World



MARGARET CHRISTIE, "MOCKER."

This homing pigeon, which carried fifty-one messages through the din of battle in the Argonne, lost his right eye from a bit of shrapnel.



Princess Montenevoso, wife of L'Annunzio, has been reconciled to the poet after a separation of 20 years. The son brought his parents together when he learned his mother was about to leave Italy for France.



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Hundreds of turkeys on her daddy's farm are being primed for Xmas Day, but little Arlene Tabor's pet, Excelsior, will live to ride about on the saddle with her mistress.



The publication in London of a picture of the Prince of Wales as a flapper, dressed in a bathrobe, has caused amusement and consternation. He played the part of a girl in a skit on the trip from South America. The younger set sees no harm in such innocent buffoonery on a tiresome trip. This is a reconstructed picture of the Prince as he looked as a flapper.



Jules Steeg, formerly French Secretary of the Interior, has gone to Morocco to succeed Marabout Lyantey as Governor. Edgar Hunt Wilson, thirty-three years old, is said to be the youngest 33rd degree Mason. Gatti-Casazza is manager of the Metropolitan Opera Co. V. J. Patel, of Bombay, is the first Indian to be elected president of the Viceroy's Assembly.

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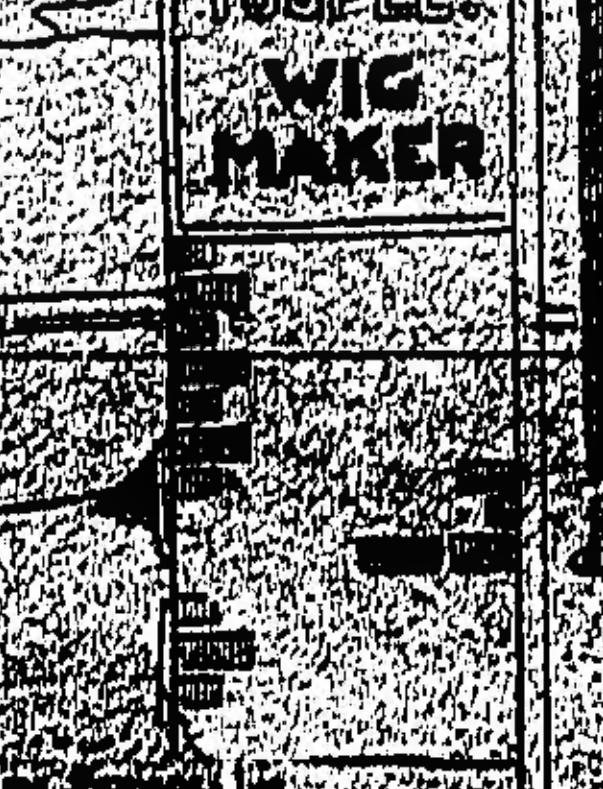
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Water-divining in Fashion!

Water-divining has suddenly become the rage amongst the "bright young people" of to-day, and for originality it certainly transcends the now almost defunct treasure hunt as a source of amusement. I was amongst the guests last week-end at a large twenty-first birthday party, and when tennis, golf, cross-word puzzles, dancing, billiards, bridge, and even ping-pong had been exhausted, someone suggested "water-finding," says a correspondent to a Home paper. As mystified as most, I was told to cut a forked Y-shaped twig of white-thorn or hazel, about 18 ins. long, which is held tightly in both hands with the apex pointing downwards. The would-be water-diviner then walks across a field or along a path or road, and if he be possessed of the gift—for such it undoubtedly is—the road will gradually rise in front of him immediately he passes over a course of water. The sensation is very peculiar, for the harder the rod is gripped in the endeavour to press it downwards, the quicker and more forcibly it rises until the "diviner" is clear of the hidden water.



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The Waiters' Soviet.

I can imagine no better propaganda for capitalism than the "agenda" of a Waiters' Soviet—provided the proceedings could be broadcast, says a Home paper. The dining public, however, seldom realises how well disciplined waiters as a whole are until it strikes a few duds. At the outbreak of the war many New York hotels and restaurants were denuded of their Continental waiters. Herds of young Irish bogtrotters, with the carriageless moss still adhering to their boots and fear of conscription in their hearts, were hocking into New York, and a hotel in which I was staying was unwise enough to take on a whole batch of them to replace its conscripted staff.

The New Run.

The couple who had their wedding at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, may have had a good excuse, but they have set a dangerous precedent. Most weddings are public functions, and what is to prevent some enterprising British film company—goaded to desperation in its efforts to dislodge Chaplin, Lloyd, and Co. from popular favour, from throwing on a few feet of the fashionable Scrutiny-Pilbeam nuptials at St. Mark's in the Limelight? "Miss Pilbeam, preparing to say 'I will,'" "Hiram Pilbeam (inventor of Pilbeam's patent folding wasp trap) saying 'Hitch em up, Parson,'" "The Rev. Emanuel Strengtheners hitching em up," "Albert Scrutiny (Best Man) finds the wedding ring," "Captain Isadore Scrutiny, O.B.E. (the bridegroom), kissing one of the bridesmaids," "Ditto, kissing the bride's aunt," etc.

'Rue Edith Cavell.'

According to the "Intransigent," the Mayor of Le Creusot, the Internationalist, Paul Faure, has ordered the Rue Edith Cavell in Le Creusot to be renamed, and the inscription describing the manner in which she met her death to be effaced.

The "Intransigent" says this action is "hateful, stupid, and remarks that even those who are not actuated by patriotism, but claim they are working for the betterment of humanity, should impress on future generations the useless horror of such an act as the execution of Miss Cavell. Lust of litigation."

There are two sides to the question of more accessible law-courts. The "Pioneer" records the case of an Indian railway bookstall clerk, lost in the enjoyment of his own wares, who had to be physically aroused by a passenger anxious to pay for a purchase. The disturbed student claimed damages for being "insulted, dishonoured, and annoyed," and, in spite of a succession of discouraging verdicts, climbed the ladder of litigious appeal from Sub-divisional magistrate to Sessions Judge, from Sessions Judge to Additional District magistrate, and declined to accept defeat until he reached the High Court itself. "It's a grun' thing," as the land-lord of the Hawes Inn remarked to Mr. Jonathan Oldbuck, "to think hoo lang an' hoo carefully justice is considered in this country." But his creator also observes that "cheap justice can be as dangerous as cheap gin."

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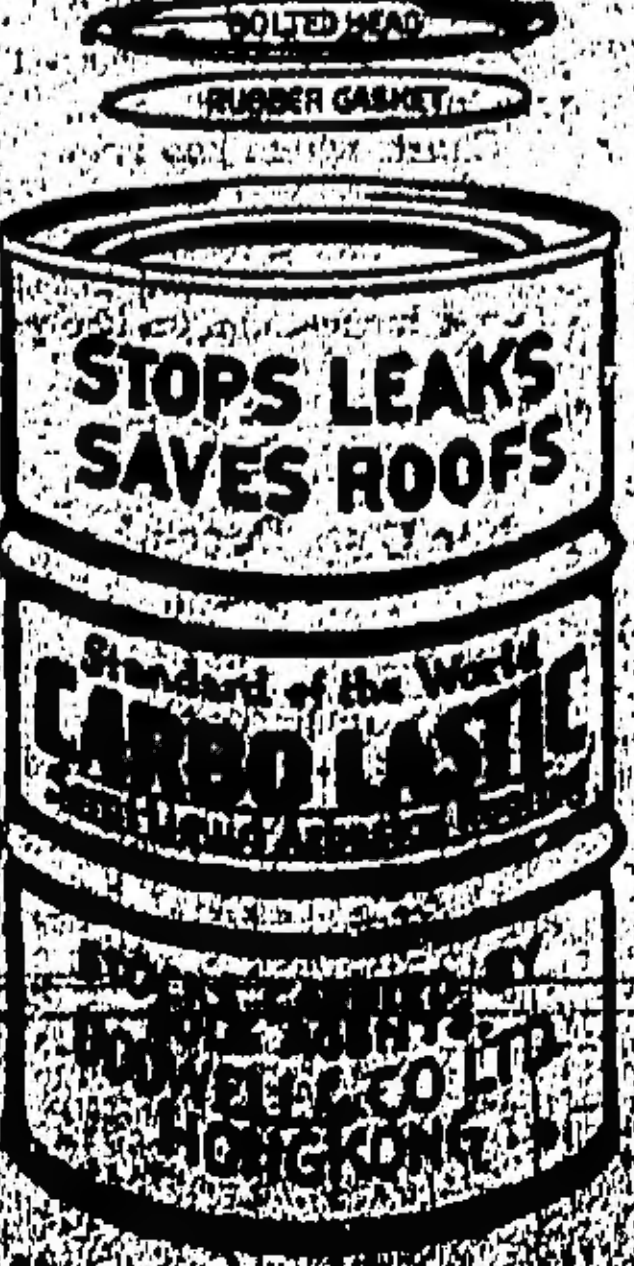
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